



BAY AREA PET ADOPTIONS NEWS

FALL 2020



Behind the Scenes of Rescue

The world of animal sheltering runs the gamut of emotions, but the biggest emotion, is Love. We do this for the Love of animals.

You usually see the cute, cuddly cats and fluffy dogs in our care, but shelter life is not always cute kitties and playful puppies. We frequently have dogs and cats who need a little more help. Many would not have a chance in another shelter. We're determined to give them that extra chance. It's what we do.

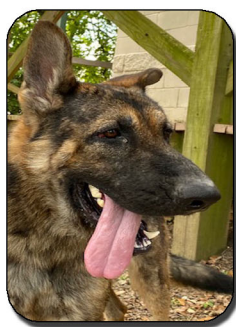
We thought you'd be interested in hearing about a few of the animals we have taken in since the pandemic started.

Beatrix arrived as a stray, never to be claimed. She had huge mammary tumors, making her very uncomfortable. Beatrix required surgery to help ensure her quality of life. Her pathology indicated a mixed bag of tumors, some cancerous and some benign, but the great news was that margins were clear! The specialist even said she was in great shape for a mature gal of a certain age. Beatrix is now living the good life in her very own home!



Hope was found by a good Samaritan, severely emaciated, earning her name as each morning the good Samaritan's daughter "hoped" she would be alive. Hope has absolutely blossomed in our care and is anxiously waiting for her forever home.

Lemon was used to living in a home when she was surrendered by her owner. We were told a tumor in her mouth had been there for several years. Lemon has seen a specialist, had x-rays, and a biopsy. Although the specialist said removal of the tumor is not possible due to the size, the good news is, it's a slow growing, benign tumor. Antibiotics is all that is needed for Lemon to have an active, happy life. Happily, Lemon is once again enjoying life in her very own home!



Astro, a young, registered German Shepherd, arrived with a very patchy skin condition. He is currently receiving medicated baths to help his skin heal. In time, he will become the handsome boy he was meant to be.

Odin, a senior at 10 years old, was pulled from an area municipal shelter. He arrived soaked in a urine and feces matted coat, missing a lot of his fur, and with weakness and hip pain. His skin condition is likely due to bad nutrition and allergies. Odin is now bright eyed and feeling much better since he has been shaved and is on medications for his aging hips!



Bay Area Pet Adoptions has also increased our intake of heartworm positive dogs, successfully treating them, and many of these dogs are already loving life in their new homes.

Bay Area Pet Adoptions is evolving and currently finding new ways to continue our mission during this unprecedented pandemic. Animal rescue isn't always pretty, but it's always worth it! We do it for love of animals! Thank you for your continued support.

CAPTAIN'S STORY

Most people have never heard Captain's name or his story, but Bay Area Pet Adoptions thought it was important that you do.

On a beautiful spring afternoon, during the beginning of Covid-19, BAPA received a call from the manager of a popular waterside restaurant during lunch time rush hour. The restaurant had a large, emaciated, black and white dog lying in their busy parking lot that they were afraid would be injured, and they urgently asked if we could please come save him. The answer was yes.



Safely at the shelter, this big skinny dog was named Captain, as it was fitting of his circumstances. It was quickly obvious that Captain was a happy boy who loved human attention, quickly becoming a staff favorite.



Sadly, his vet exam uncovered untreatable lymphoma. Staff did not want Captain to live out his days in a shelter, so with a little networking, one of our wonderful volunteers and her husband, agreed to take Captain into their home. They provided him with the love and care he so desperately deserved, giving Captain a happy life until the end.

While Captain's story is bittersweet, we are thankful that we have people who support us and our mission. In rescue, there's not always a long happy life full of adventure, but we are dedicated to giving the cats and dogs in our care the best life possible, no matter how long that is. We don't know the beginning of Captain's story, but we do know how it ended... with love.

A Tale of Two Kitties

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. The best because two little kittens were safe in a shelter; the worst because those same two kittens are still in that shelter over four years later. Frida and Georgia are littermate sisters. They were born on April 30, 2016 and came to the cattery at Bay Area Pet Adoptions on August 26, 2016. All the kittens in the litter were named after famous artists, and for some reason Frida Kahlo and Georgia O'Keeffe never caught anyone's eye.

According to cattery staff, Frida is super sweet and has a cute, squeaky meow. Once she knows you, she'll come by for belly rubs and chin scratches. She is also super smart and can open drawers and cabinets to check for treats. Frida is vocal, silly, and loves chasing a laser or toys.

Georgia is the shy sister, but she is also sweet and loves to chase a laser. At first she is reserved; she will rub against your leg then jump away returning to rub again. It's her favorite game. Georgia will need a very patient adopter, one ready to put in the time to win her trust. Both of these sisters love catnip and sitting in



a window watching birds and the rest of the world in action. Frida and Georgia will blossom once they feel safe and secure with their new families. These girls deserve the chance to have a home of their own. Please consider adopting one of these long-term residents. Four years is enough of a wait. It may be the best thing you've done this year.

BARKTOBERFEST 2020 ONLINE RAFFLE OCT 10 - 24TH

Due to Covid 19, we have had to cancel all of our in person fundraising events. Please consider participating in our Barktoberfest Raffle. Details can be found at BayAreaPetAdoptions.org/Barktoberfest

Donation Form

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Please return this reply with your donation in the enclosed envelope, knowing that we will continue working hard to care for more animals and find them homes.

Or **DONATE ONLINE** at www.BayAreaPetAdoptions.org/donate.html

Thank You to Our Shelter Supporters!

Although operations changed a lot since Covid began, our board has been busy submitting grant requests to keep the shelter running smoothly. We would like to thank the following organizations for their tremendous support of our shelter:

- Petfinder Foundation \$1,000 Covid-19 Operation Grant
- Albert Ethel Herstein Charity Foundation \$5000
- American Humane Feed the Hungry Grant - \$1000
- Best Friends: Rachel Ray Save Them All Covid-19 Grant \$1000
- Dog Days of Summer Basket Raffle – raised \$4,600 plus individual contributions

Purrfect Ways to Help!

Along with thanking our many organizational and individual donors, we want to remind everyone there are ongoing ways to help ensure our pets get the medical attention, daily supplies, and nutrition they need to thrive. See our mail-in donation form as well as the following list for ways you can stay involved!

- **Adopting a pet:** Consider adopting a pet! Your adoption fees help cover the medical care of the animal, as well as their food and transportation costs.
- **Monetary Donations:** Because we are a nonprofit, we rely on cash donations as well as sponsors to provide ongoing quality care and purchase medical supplies that the public is unable to provide.
- **Sponsor a Pet & Adopt a Kennel** are just two programs offered that provide ongoing care of a shelter pet.
- **Supplies:** Along with our website list, purchase directly from Amazon and have items shipped to the shelter.
- **Support Fundraising Events:** We have had to cancel all of our public fundraising events, so please participate in our online fundraisers.
- **Other Ways to Donate:** Link your Kroger and Randalls card to us. Shop on smile.amazon.com or purchase a gift sponsorship for someone who loves animals.

Visit <https://BayAreaPetAdoptions.org/donate/> for more information on all of the many ways to donate!



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The Heroes of Bay Area Pet Adoptions

Hip, hip hooray and an enormous round of applause for the Bay Area Pet Adoptions staff! These men and women have shown incredible dedication caring for the animals at the shelter. As essential personnel, the BAPA staff made it clear from the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic that they wanted to do whatever it would take to keep the shelter in operation.

We are now entering the fifth month of the new normal and the staff and animals are going strong. A simple thank you does not begin to cover our gratitude, so please join with us in showing appreciation to **Theresa, Kristi, Chris, Jessica, Amanda, Suzie, Mollie, Carissa, Connie, Derek, Billy and Jay.**

Without the staff's commitment to the shelter and their devotion to the animals, we would have faced very difficult times and not been able to adopt out 138 dogs and 53 cats in the last seven months. We want to continue making a difference in the lives of homeless pets, and our outstanding BAPA staff is working to keep that goal a reality.

